



REPLY TO
ATTENTION Q

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY INFANTRY CENTER
BASIC COMBAT TRAINING BRIGADE
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum Extremist Organizations or Activities:

1. The attached message from Headquarters, Department of the Army outlines the revised policy approved by the Secretary of the Army regarding participation in extremist organizations and activities by Army personnel. According to Department of the Army policy, extremist organizations and activities are those that advocate racial, gender, or ethnic hatred or intolerance; advocate, create, or engage in illegal discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, or national origin; advocate the use of force or violence or unlawful means to deprive individuals of their rights under the United States Constitution or the laws of the United States, or any states, by unlawful means.
2. Paragraph two (2) of the attached message clearly identifies prohibited actions by soldiers involving extremist organization or activities. As your commander, I take the lead in establishing proactive measures for the Basic Combat Training Brigade to support the guidance by the Secretary of the Army as well as Department of Defense Directive 1325.6. The Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor will teach on an annual basis, awareness classes on Extremist Organizations or Activities. Violations of the prohibitions contained in paragraph two may result in prosecution under various provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).
3. If any member of this command believes they have witnessed or have knowledge of any extremist organizations or activities, they should report it to the chain of command immediately. Members may also use the Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor.
4. I fully support the Department of the Army's Policy on extremist organizations or activities. Conduct inconsistent with this policy is contrary to good order and discipline; violates standards of equal opportunity and is detrimental to mission accomplishment. I have zero toleration for those whose actions/conduct are in contradiction to this policy.

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